Central Board of Secondary Education for classes IX to XII. Changes if any, have been informed to the Vidyalayas.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Status of Sanskrit language

5115. SHRI SOM PAL :
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Sanskrit is one of the oldest and most developed languages of the world ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Sanskrit has been found to be very suitable for use in computers ;

(c) if so, what is being done for the promotion of Sanskrit studies and research in India ;

(d) what is the current status of Sanskrit in the following matters (i) total number of students studying at various levels; (ii) number of Sanskrit universities and universities having teaching and research facilities; (iii) foreign countries and universities offering Sanskrit studies; and (iv) International cooperation, if any, in the field of Sanskrit studies?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) An exploratory study in the area of Sanskrit for Computational rendering of Paninian grammar and machine translation has been started.

(d) (i) 4753 students are reading Sanskrit in the organisations under the control of this Ministry. Detailed information about the strength of students studying Sanskrit at various levels is not available with Government.

(ii) There are three Sanskrit Universities and two Deemed to be Universities. Besides, Sanskrit teaching/research faculties are available in 67 Universities/ Deemed Universities.

(iii) The information is not available with Government.

(iv) International Sanskrit Conferences are organised from time to time.

Study on girl student by Washington-Based Research Group

5116. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU .

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the editorial report in the Indian Express, quoting a Worldwide study by a Washington-based research group, to the effect that fewer girls get into schools compared to boys and that Indian record was particularly dismal ;

(b) if so, what percentage of girls stayed away from schools in the world and in India according to the said research group report, and how these figures agree with India's own assessment ; and

(c) what steps are being taken under the Eighth Five Year Plan to improve the situation ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) to (c) No such report is available with the Government. However, as far as India is concerned, according to Selected Educational Statistics (1992-93) printed by the Ministry out of 7.62 crores girl in the age group 6-14 years, 5.99 crore were enrolled in primary and upper primary schools.

The national policy on Education as revised in 1992, resolves that all children upto 14 years of age are to be provided elementary education before we enter the 21st Century. Towards this end, the programme of action, 1992 which was laid on the table of both the Houses of Parliament on 19th August, 1992 stresses the following measures :

(i) Microplanning through a process of community participation and effective decentralisation of educational management to the village level;

(ii) Shifting the emphasis on retention and attainments and devising programme to ensure that the Minimum Levels of Learning are achieved by all children completing a stage of education;

(iii) Expansion of facilities and improvement of primary and upper primary schools by expanding the scope of Operation Blackboard;

(iv) Diversification and improvement of programme of non-formal education for children who remain outside the formal school system;

(v) Strengthening of preschool components of Early Childhood Care and Education; and

(vi) Improving and expanding programmes for teacher education by providing network of centres for in-service and continuing education of school teachers.

Promotion of Non-Teaching Staff of KVS

5117. SHRI J. S. RAJU :
SHRI MISA R. GANESAN :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of provisions that govern promotion of non-teaching staff posted in Headquarters and Regional Offices of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan;

(b) whether any adhoc promotee can be reverted to a lower post after six years, and

(c) if so, the reasons and justification thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) Non-teaching posts are filled up by Direct Recruitment or through departmental promotion/examination as prescribed in the Recruitment Rules.

(b) and (c) According to information furnished by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, instructions issued by the Department of Personnel & Training are followed in all matters of personnel administration by the Sangathan. These instructions inter-alia provide that all adhoc appointees have to be replaced by regular incumbents at the earliest opportunity.

Duties of Group-D employees of KVS

5118. SHRI J. S. RAJU :
SHRI MISA R. GANESAN :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Group 'D' employees of Kendriya Vidyalya and Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan's Head office and Regional offices are recruited as chowkidars, Malis, Sweepers :

(b) if so, what are the details of the duty and duty hours for each of these sub-categories of Group 'D' employees; and

(c) whether their duties are interchangeable ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) to (c) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has stated that the Staffing pattern in respect of Group 'D' employees for Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Headquarters and Regional Offices differ from that of the Vidyalayas. In Kendriya Vidyalayas, all Group 'D' employees can be assigned any duty except that of safaiwala. The Group 'D' employees of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan perform 40 hours duty per week except chowkidars who perform the duty from the closing